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# STATE AIR POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD ENFORCEMENT ACTION - ORDER BY CONSENT UNITED STATES ARMY (OWNER) AND BAE SYSTEMS ORDNANCE SYSTEMS, INC. FOR RADFORD ARMY AMMUNITION PLANT Registration No. 20656



### **SECTION A: Purpose**

This is a Consent Order issued under the authority of Va. Code §§ 10.1-1309 and -1316, between the State Air Pollution Control Board and the United States Army (Owner) and BAE Systems Ordnance Systems, Inc., regarding the Radford Army Ammunition Plant, for the purpose of resolving certain violations of the Virginia Air Pollution Control Law and the applicable permit and regulations.

### **SECTION B: Definitions**

Unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the following words and terms have the meaning assigned to them below:

- 1. "Army" means the United States Army. The Army is a "person" within the meaning of Va. Code § 10.1-1300.
- "BAE" means BAE Systems Ordnance Systems, Inc., a corporation authorized to do business in Virginia and its affiliates, partners, and subsidiaries. BAE is a "person" within the meaning of Va. Code § 10.1-1300.

- 3. "Board" means the State Air Pollution Control Board, a permanent citizens' board of the Commonwealth of Virginia, as described in Va. Code §§ 10.1-1184 and -1301.
- 4. "BRRO-R" means the Blue Ridge Regional Office of DEQ, located in Roanoke, Virginia.
- 5. "CFR" means the Code of Federal Regulations, as incorporated into the Regulations.
- 6. "Department" or "DEQ" means the Department of Environmental Quality, an agency of the Commonwealth of Virginia, as described in Va. Code § 10.1-1183.
- 7. "Director" means the Director of the Department of Environmental Quality, as described in Va. Code § 10.1-1185.
- 8. "Facility" or "Plant" or "RFAAP" means the Radford Army Ammunition Plant, located at State Route 114 in Montgomery and Pulaski Counties, Virginia.
- 9. "Notice of Violation" or "NOV" means a type of Notice of Alleged Violation under Va. Code § 10.1-1309.
- 10. "Order" means this document, also known as a "Consent Order" or "Order by Consent," a type of Special Order under the Virginia Air Pollution Control Law.
- 11. "The Parties" means the United States Army (Owner) and BAE Systems Ordnance Systems, Inc. (Operator).
- 12. "PCE" means a partial compliance evaluation by DEQ staff.
- 13. "Permit" means the Title V Federal Air Operating Permit No. VA-20656 to operate the Facility, which was issued under the Virginia Air Pollution Control Law and the Regulations to the Army (as owner) and Alliant Ammunition & Powder Co., LLC ("Alliant")(as operator) effective January 15, 2004. On June 18, 2012, BAE submitted a Form 7 (Facility/Owner/Operator Information Update Form) application to DEQ notifying the agency that the operator for the Plant would be changing to BAE as of July 1, 2012. On August 2, 2012, BAE submitted a revised Form 7 correcting certain errors that were contained in the original submittal.
- 14. "Regulations" or "Regulations for the Control and Abatement of Air Pollution" mean 9 VAC 5 chapters 10 through 80.
- 15. "Va. Code" means the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.
- 16. "VAC" means the Virginia Administrative Code.
- 17. "Virginia Air Pollution Control Law" means Chapter 13 (§ 10.1-1300 et seq.) of Title 10.1 of the Va. Code.

# **SECTION C:** Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law

- 1. The Army owns the Facility and BAE operates the Facility. The Facility manufactures specialty munitions, propellants and chemicals for the Army and other users. The Facility is the subject of the Permit which allows operation and emissions in accordance with its terms.
- 2. The Permit includes conditions for the operation of boilers at a powerhouse used for generating steam and electricity for use at the Facility. Five boilers, designated PH1 through PH5, are listed in the Permit. The Permit states that the fuels for these boilers are coal and distillate oil.
- 3. On September 28, 2015, DEQ received a request from the Army for a one-year extension of January 31, 2016 compliance date for the boiler maximum achievable control technology (MACT) requirements specified in 40 CFR Part 63, Subpart DDDDD. The Army's intention was to meet the boiler MACT requirements by installing package boilers to replace the existing coal-fired boilers. On December 2, 2015, DEQ granted a one-year extension to the compliance date. The extended compliance date was January 31, 2017. The extension stipulated that quarterly progress reports would be submitted to DEQ.
- 4. On January 30, 2017, DEQ received a quarterly progress report from the Army stating that the facility will not meet the January 31, 2017 compliance extension deadline and that installation of the package boilers will not be completed until March of 2017.
- 5. On February 15, 2017, based on the January 30, 2017 quarterly progress report, the Department issued NOV No. ABRRO000592 to the Army and BAE for the violation described in paragraph C(4), above.
- 6. 40 CFR Part 63, Subpart DDDDD specifies national emissions standards for hazardous air pollutants for major sources, including industrial boilers.
- 7. 40 CFR § 63.7495 states that the compliance deadline for Subpart DDDDD for existing boilers is January 31, 2016.
- 8. 40 CFR § 63.6(i)(4)(i)(A) allows states with an approved permit program to extend compliance deadlines for emissions standards under Part 63.
- 9. On February 10, 2017, Department staff conducted a PCE of the Facility record for compliance with the requirements of the Virginia Air Pollution Control Law, the Permit, and the Regulations. Records reviewed included quantitative emissions testing (stack testing) that was performed from February 7 through 10, 2017 on the four active coal-fired boilers at the Plant (PH2 through PH5) to evaluate compliance with a variety of

emissions standards specified under 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart DDDDD. Based on the evaluation and follow-up information, Department staff made the following observations:

- a. During the period from February 7 through 10, 2017, Filterable PM emissions were measured at 0.22 lb/MMBtu from Boiler PH2, 0.19 lb/MMBtu from Boiler PH3, 0.11 lb/MMBtu from Boiler PH4, and 0.13 lb/MMBtu from Boiler PH5. The emission standard for Filterable PM emissions is 0.04 lb/MMBtu.
- b. During the period from February 7 through 10, 2017, HCL emissions were measured at 0.17 lb/MMBtu from Boiler PH2, 0.18 lb/MMBtu from Boiler PH3, 0.17 lb/MMBtu from Boiler PH4, and 0.19 lb/MMBtu from Boiler PH5. The emission standard for HCL emissions is 0.022 lb/MMBtu.
- c. During the period from February 7 through 10, 2017, CO emissions were measured at 314 ppm@ 3% O<sub>2</sub> from Boiler PH3. The emission standard for CO emissions is 130 ppm@ 3% O<sub>2</sub>.
- 10. On April 21, 2017, based on the stack test results, the Department issued NOV No. ABRRO000629 to the Army and BAE for the violations described in Paragraph C(9) above.
- 11. 40 CFR § 63.7500(a)(1) states in part that a source must meet each emission limit and work practice standard in Tables 1 through 3 and 11 through 13 to this subpart that applies to the boiler.
- 12. 40 CFR § 63.7505(a) states in part that a source must be in compliance with the emission limits, work practice standards, and operating limits in this subpart. These emission and operating limits apply the source at all times the affected unit is in operation.
- 13. On May 9, 2017, the Department received an email from a BAE official stating that as of May 7, 2017, the Facility ceased operating boilers PH1 through PH5 (the coal-fired boilers) and is now operating on steam from the newly-installed gas-fired package boilers.
- 14. On May 10, 2017, DEQ conducted a Partial Compliance Evaluation of the Facility record for compliance with the requirements of the Virginia Air Pollution Control Law, the Permit, and the Regulations. Records reviewed included the First Quarter 2017 Excess Emission Report ("2017 1Q Report") for the Powerhouse Stack Continuous Opacity Monitoring System submitted by BAE on May 1, 2017. Based on the evaluation and follow-up information, Department staff made the following observations:
  - a. During the period from January 1, 2017 through March 31, 2017, a continuous opacity monitor for emissions from powerhouse boilers PH1 through PH5 at the Plant recorded visible emissions that exceeded 20% opacity for more than one six minute period in an hour, including opacity violations exceeding 60% during multiple six minute periods.

- b. On January 27, 2017, a continuous opacity monitor for emissions from powerhouse boilers PH1 through PH5 at the Plant recorded a maximum six-minute opacity of 85.7%.
- 15. On May 11, 2017, based on the May 10, 2017 PCE and follow-up information, the Department issued Notice of Violation No. ABRRO000640 to the Army and BAE for the violations described in paragraph C(14), above.
- 16. On June 22, 2017, DEQ conducted a Partial Compliance Evaluation of the Facility record for compliance with the requirements of the Virginia Air Pollution Control Law, the Permit, and the Regulations. Records reviewed included the Second Quarter 2017 Excess Emission Report ("2017 2Q Report") for the Powerhouse Stack Continuous Opacity Monitoring System submitted by BAE on June 2, 2017. Based on the evaluation and follow-up information, Department staff made the following observations:
  - a. During the period from April 1, 2017 through May 7, 2017, a continuous opacity monitor for emissions from powerhouse boilers PH1 through PH5 at the Plant recorded visible emissions that exceeded 20% opacity for more than one six minute period in an hour, including opacity violations exceeding 60% during multiple six minute periods.
  - b. On May 4, 2017, a continuous opacity monitor for emissions from powerhouse boilers PH1 through PH5 at the Plant recorded a maximum six-minute opacity of 96.8%.
- 17. On June 22, 2017, based on the June 22, 2017 PCE and follow-up information, the Department issued Notice of Violation No. ABRRO000663 to the Army and BAE for the violations described in paragraph C(16), above.
- 18. 9 VAC 5-40-940(B) requires that no owner or other person shall cause or permit to be discharged into the atmosphere from any fuel burning equipment unit any visible emissions which exhibit greater than 20% opacity, except for one six-minute period in any one hour of not more than 60% opacity.
- 19. Condition III.A.5 of the Permit requires that visible emissions from each of the boiler stacks shall not exceed 20 percent opacity except during one six-minute period in any one hour in which visible emissions shall not exceed 60 percent opacity.
- 20. Based on the January 30, 2017 quarterly progress report, the Board concludes that the Parties have violated the MACT compliance deadline, as extended, at 40 CFR § 63.7495, as described in paragraphs C(4) through C(8), above.
- 21. Based on the stack testing results from February 7 through 10, 2017, as described in Paragraph C(9) through C(12), above, the Board concludes that the Parties have violated 40 CFR §63.7500(a)(1) and 40 CFR §63.7505(a).

- 22. Based on the results of the May 10 and June 22, 2017 evaluations and the documentation submitted by BAE on May 1 and June 2, 2017, the Board concludes that the Parties have violated Permit conditions III.A.5 and 9 VAC 5-40-940(B), as described in paragraphs C(14) through C(17), above.
- 23. The Parties have submitted documentation that verifies that the violations described in this section have been corrected. Specifically, the coal-fired boilers, PH1 through PH5, have ceased operating, as described in Paragraph C(13), above.
- 24. As it relates to the Army, settlement of this matter shall not constitute an admission of liability, nor shall evidence of this Order be admissible in any administrative or judicial proceeding to establish such liability. Settlement of this matter, to include the payment of any penalties, shall not constitute a waiver of federal sovereign immunity, or an admission of such a waiver, or an admission that the United States is liable to pay administrative or civil penalties or fines assessed by DEQ.

# **SECTION D: Agreement and Order**

Accordingly, by virtue of the authority granted it in Va. Code §§ 10.1-1309 and -1316, the Board orders BAE, and BAE agrees to pay a civil charge of \$263,335.00 within 30 days of the effective date of the Order in settlement of the violations cited in this Order.

Payment shall be made by check, certified check, money order or cashier's check payable to the "Treasurer of Virginia," and delivered to:

Receipts Control
Department of Environmental Quality
Post Office Box 1104
Richmond, Virginia 23218

BAE shall include its Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN) (54-189-2491) with the civil charge payment and shall indicate that the payment is being made in accordance with the requirements of this Order for deposit into the Virginia Environmental Emergency Response Fund (VEERF). If the Department has to refer collection of moneys due under this Order to the Department of Law, BAE shall be liable for attorneys' fees of 30% of the amount outstanding.

### **SECTION E: Administrative Provisions**

- 1. The Board may modify, rewrite, or amend this Order with the consent of the Parties for good cause shown by the Parties, or on its own motion pursuant to the Administrative Process Act, Va. Code § 2.2-4000 *et seq.*, after notice and opportunity to be heard.
- 2. This Order addresses and resolves only those violations specifically identified in Section C of this Order. This Order shall not preclude the Board or the Director from taking any action authorized by law, including but not limited to: (1) taking any action authorized

by law regarding any additional, subsequent, or subsequently discovered violations; (2) seeking subsequent remediation of the facility; or (3) taking subsequent action to enforce the Order.

- 3. For purposes of this Order and subsequent actions with respect to this Order only, the Parties admit the jurisdictional allegations, and agree not to contest, but neither admit nor deny the findings of fact, and conclusions of law in this Order.
- 4. BAE consents to venue in the Circuit Court of the City of Richmond for any civil action taken to enforce the terms of this Order.
- 5. The Parties declare they have received fair and due process under the Administrative Process Act and the Virginia Air Pollution Control Law and they waive the right to any hearing or other administrative proceeding authorized or required by law or regulation, and to any judicial review of any issue of fact or law contained herein. Nothing herein shall be construed as a waiver of the right to any administrative proceeding for, or to judicial review of, any action taken by the Board to modify, rewrite, amend, or enforce this Order.
- 6. Failure by the Parties to comply with any of the terms of this Order shall constitute a violation of an order of the Board. Nothing herein shall waive the initiation of appropriate enforcement actions or the issuance of additional orders as appropriate by the Board or the Director as a result of such violations. Nothing herein shall affect appropriate enforcement actions by any other federal, state, or local regulatory authority.
- 7. If any provision of this Order is found to be unenforceable for any reason, the remainder of the Order shall remain in full force and effect.
- 8. The Parties shall be responsible for failure to comply with any of the terms and conditions of this Order unless compliance is made impossible by earthquake, flood, other acts of God, war, strike, or such other unforeseeable circumstances beyond their control and not due to a lack of good faith or diligence on their part. The Parties shall demonstrate that such circumstances were beyond their control and not due to a lack of good faith or diligence on their part. The Parties shall notify the DEQ Regional Director verbally within 24 hours and in writing within three business days when circumstances are anticipated to occur, are occurring, or have occurred that may delay compliance or cause noncompliance with any requirement of the Order. Such notice shall set forth:
  - a. the reasons for the delay or noncompliance;
  - b. the projected duration of any such delay or noncompliance;
  - c. the measures taken and to be taken to prevent or minimize such delay or noncompliance; and

d. the timetable by which such measures will be implemented and the date full compliance will be achieved.

Failure to so notify the Regional Director verbally within 24 hours and in writing within three business days, of learning of any condition above, which the Parties intend to assert will result in the impossibility of compliance, shall constitute a waiver of any claim to inability to comply with a requirement of this Order.

- 9. This Order is binding on the parties hereto and any successors in interest, designees and assigns, jointly and severally.
- 10. This Order shall become effective upon execution by both the Director or his designee and the Parties.
- 11. This Order shall continue in effect until:
  - a. The Director or his designee terminates the Order after the Parties have completed all of the requirements of the Order;
  - b. The Parties petition the Director or his designee to terminate the Order after they have completed all of the requirements of the Order and the Director or his designee approves the termination of the Order; or
  - c. The Director or Board terminates the Order in his or its sole discretion upon 30 days' written notice to the Parties.

Termination of this Order, or any obligation imposed in this Order, shall not operate to relieve the Parties from their obligation to comply with any statute, regulation, permit condition, other order, certificate, certification, standard, or requirement otherwise applicable.

- 12. Nothing herein shall be interpreted to require obligation or payment of funds in violation of the Anti-Deficiency Act, 31 U.S.C. Section 1341. Any requirement for payment or obligation of funds by a particular date established by the terms of this agreement shall be subject to the availability of funds, and no provision herein shall be interpreted to require obligation or payment of funds in violation of the Anti-Deficiency Act, 31 U.S.C. 1341. In cases where payment or obligation of funds would constitute a violation of the Anti-Deficiency Act, the dates established requiring the payment or obligation of such funds shall be appropriately adjusted. If sufficient appropriations are not available and cannot be obtained, the Army will promptly inform the DEQ Regional Director.
- 13. Any plans, reports, schedules or specifications attached hereto or submitted by the Parties and approved by the Department pursuant to this Order are incorporated into this Order. Any non-compliance with such approved documents shall be considered a violation of this Order.

- 14. The undersigned representative of the Parties certifies that he or she is a responsible official authorized to enter into the terms and conditions of this Order and to execute and legally bind the Parties to this document. Any documents to be submitted pursuant to this Order shall also be submitted by a responsible official of the Parties.
- 15. This Order constitutes the entire agreement and understanding of the parties concerning settlement of the violations identified in Section C of this Order, and there are no representations, warranties, covenants, terms or conditions agreed upon between the parties other than those expressed in this Order.
- 16. By their signatures below, the Parties voluntarily agree to the issuance of this Order.

And it is so ORDERED this 3rd day of	August , 2017.
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United States Army, RFAAP and BAE Systems Ordnance Systems, Inc.; BR17-0212 Page 10 of 11 BAE Systems Ordnance Systems, Inc, voluntarily agrees to the issuance of this Order. Date: 25 JUL 17 W.M. BARNETT (Title) BAESysTEMS By: (Person) Commonwealth/State of The foregoing document was signed and acknowledged before me this 2017, by WILLIAM M. Barnett who is on behalf of the corporation. Registration No. My commission expires: Notary seal: REGISTRATION NO. 7641532
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The United States Army, RFAAP, voluntarily agrees to the issuance of this Order.

Date: 25 Jul 2017 By: James 4 Scott for LTC, US ARMY
(Person) (Title)

Commonwealth of Virginia
City/County of MONTGOMERU

The foregoing document was signed and acknowledged before me this 25 day of who is

Commander of the Radford Army Ammunition Plant, on behalf of the Army.

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